

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [001] starting on page 1, as follows:

A₁ [001] This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/179,507, filed October 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,283,227.

Please amend paragraph [0040] starting on page 7, as follows:

A₂ [0040] Security can be provided by at the user interface device by requiring input of a password before access is granted to the user interface device. For example, the user interface device has a field to accept and receive a user-input password. Alternatively, the user interface device may be configured to have a component to detect a smart card so that access is granted only in response to detection of the smart card of an authorized user. With the password or smart card arrangement, a hierarchy of security levels can be provided, with an engineer having a higher level of access (access to more features) than a technician, for example. Only an authorized user interface device is able to interact or communicate with the safety box.